



## Sleeping Bear Classic A Big Success!

by Rick LaRocca

On September 26 and 27, the second annual Sleeping Bear Dunes Mountain Bike Classic was held at the beautiful Homestead Resort in Glen Arbor, Mich. Over 500 riders registered for what turned out to be a great weekend of fat tire fun. Included in the riders who were drawn to the event were John Tomac, riding for Mongoose, Margaret Day, riding for Raleigh, and Haro's Trials Specialist, Kevin Norton.

Over \$5,000 in cash and prizes were awarded that weekend thanks to the generous support of the sponsors. Local sponsors included Brick Wheels, McClain Cycle Shop and Weiler Cycle Works. National sponsors included Bianchi, Cannondale, Fuji, Miyata, Raleigh, Ross, Specialized, Trek, Univega, and West Coast Cycles.

Saturday's events included a 3.8 mile Time Trial, Observed Trials, and a pitch-in-a-buck and try-your-luck Hillclimb. On Sunday the Elite Trials were held first, followed by the cross country Mass Start.

The Time Trial Saturday had 142 registered riders competing against the clock. The course started by the Village Square, ran uphill to the top of a ski slope, down the ski slope and over a ramp, back through more of the Homestead Resort until the course turned to gravel road at Sunset Trail. A right at Thorson Rd. led uphill for a while and then down a steep and winding descent that let out onto M-22. Sprinting up the Homestead driveway, riders were faced with a killer sand pit right at the finish line.

First place was taken by (can you guess?) John Tomac with a time of 12:17.49. Margaret Day took first for the women with 14:42.86, beating the vast majority of the men in the process.

Before the Observed Trials event that afternoon, Kevin Norton, two-time National Trials champ, held a brief Trials Workshop for riders interested in improving their techniques. Kevin was very free



Hundreds of eager riders approach the race course in a rolling start. (Photo by Rick LaRocca)

with his advice as the riders tried to perfect their hopping skills and track stands.

The trials sections this year were noticeably more difficult than last year, thanks to the devious mind of Rick Weiler. In addition, the courses were split so that beginners, intermediates and experts had to ride different parts of the same sections.

This allowed the beginning riders to watch more

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## Welcome to the Bent Rim Bugle

It's finally here! Michigan mountain bikers now have their very own newsletter. The Bent Rim Bugle is here to provide a way for mountain bikers in Michigan and the surrounding areas to share information with each other. Here's a brief outline of the kind of things you'll find in the BRB:

### Calendar of Events

With the cooperation of promoters and organizers throughout Michigan we will have a complete and up-to-date calendar of upcoming events for the '88 season. So whether you're organizing something as small as a local group ride or as large as a national race, send us information as soon as possible.

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## (WELCOME TO THE BRB cont.)

It is our hope to publish at least once a month during the summer biking season so that people don't have to plan their events umpteen months in advance in order to get the word out. And perhaps this will encourage more things like group rides to happen.

### Feature Articles

Articles about races in Michigan (including their results) will be a regular item in the Bent Rim Bugle. If you're inclined to try your hand at such things, we heartily encourage people to submit their own articles about races or other events. We are also looking for good pictures, so if you have any killer photos please send them in (self-addressed, stamped envelope should accompany any materials you wish returned). We give bylines to all who want them (sorry, no money, just fame).

Some of the other kinds of articles may include features on various Michigan mountain bikers, racers, custom frame builders, or just ordinary (but strange) people like you and me. If you know of any interesting Mountain Biking Characters, just let us know.

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Some of these we'll be able to do ourselves, but Michigan is a big place, so we're going to need some help from our readers. You guys know where all the great riding trails are, right? So don't be shy. Articles will hopefully include maps (although who ever heard of a real mountain biker riding with a map?), a description of trail conditions (easy, difficult, sandy, hilly, swampy, etc.), any riding restrictions (due to public or private ownership), and any nearby vital facilities (like the nearest place to eat). So please give us a hand and let us know where the good trails are in your neck of the woods.

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We love getting mail! (Just another reminder that you're alive...as the saying goes). Let us know what you think of the BRB, and feel free to suggest any improvements or share with us any brilliant ideas you have for new features. To make the January issue please send us your letters, articles, pictures, classifieds, cartoons or ads by Dec. 13.

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If all goes well, we hope to see you in January '88. That issue will cover the Swiss Valley Fall Festival and perhaps by then we'll have the complete race results from the Sleeping Bear Classic as well. Until then...remember to bundle up for them cold November rides.

## A Note of Thanks

Just a personal note of thanks to all the people who have made this first issue possible. Thanks to Sue and Brent Walk for the info and race results on Pando II, and for organizing the all-important mailing list. To Pete Edwards for info on the Sleeping Bear Classic and for their mailing list as well. To Steve Pruett for coming up with the name BRB and its logo design, and for the Hot Set-Up concept. To Jim Schafer for the final artwork on the logo. To Michael Clark for the Ragged-Edge article and race results. To Rick Weiler for being the first one to actually pay for an ad. To all the advertisers for making this financially possible. To John Strauss, for coming all the way to GR to show me his photos and for staying up nights printing them to size...all for free. To Rick LaRocca for his article and pix on the Sleeping Bear Classic. To Wendy German for the AppleFest article and mailing list. To Bill Dyhouse for his photos. To Bonnie's sister, Tam, for the use of her computer to organize the race results. To Gary and Michele (my brother and sister-in-law), for use of their typewriter. To Bonnie, my ever patient co-editor, for putting up with my endless changes in midstream and for helping me to keep my perspective on all of this (are we having fun yet?).

And last but not least, thanks to the one person who really made all of this possible...my wife Katie, who refused to crush my head when she no doubt felt the temptation dozens of times in the past few weeks...and who recognizes me only because I left a picture of myself on the kitchen table when I started this project. If I missed anyone it's only because it's 4 a.m. and my brain is completely fried. Thanks to everyone! May there be many more issues before us...

- Craig Stutzky



# Pando II Race Draws Record Crowd!

by Bonita Alsum

In the early morning on Sunday, October 11, while most people were reading the paper over a cup of coffee in a nice warm house, Brent and Sue Walk and a group of sleepy-eyed volunteers were setting up for a day of mountain bike racing. From all over Michigan, as well as surrounding states, eager racers converged on Pando Ski Area, located on M-44 halfway between Belding and Grand Rapids. Overcast skies greeted the spectators and racers who braved the gusty, chilly weather to enjoy Pando's second race this year. 165 participants showed up at Pando II (for about 240 class sign-ups), almost twice the number of riders who came to the first race in June.

The Pando II Mountain Bike Challenge began that morning with the Tube Tender Trials. The observed trials consisted of six different sections (with two extra ones for Expert riders) and were set up using as much of the natural setting as possible. Riders tested their balance and skill at negotiating over, around, and between rocks, logs, stumps, trees, holes and tight turns. A teeter-totter board and a telephone spool were a few of the little added touches to finish off the fun. The Experts had to tackle two extra-tough sections that were specially designed for them. A number of spectators (including local TV news cameras) gathered as the riders displayed both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat (in the form of some spectacular endos).



Andy Leifer comes screaming downhill on his way to a first place finish in Men's Pro-Am.  
(Photo © John D. Strauss)

In the afternoon, the cross country race was run in two sections to help keep the course from getting too crowded. The first race was for Beginners, single-speed bikes, Novice Women, Vets and Masters and ran 2 laps of the 3.3 mile course. The second race was divided between 3 laps for Men's Novice and 5 laps for Pro-Am.

Each fast-paced cross country race had a rolling start that lead quickly up one of the ski hills. The rest of the course featured grass covered cross country ski trails that ran over rolling hills, thru colorful autumn trees, and ended in a fast downhill with a long curve to the finish line or back up the first hill for another lap.



The pack as they hit that first big hill.  
(Photo © John D. Strauss)

The Pando II race course was the same as the first Pando race in June...and is a first-time rider's dream, 100% rideable, with no water hazards, mud bogs, sand pits or impossible hill climbs. The small drop-off under the tow-rope downhill, short sand trap at the top of the next hill, or the bone-jarring bumps on the last loop near the end may have slowed a few people down, but most riders agreed the long gradual inclines were the most challenging.

Briane Greene, a 19-year-old rider from the Waterford area, sponsored by Tom Nell Bicycles, placed first in the Men's Beginner class, while Wendy German took first place for the women. Twenty-four-year-old Kaye Kiapohl, from Ann Arbor and riding for Nobilette Cycle, finished with a strong time of 1:23:00. As the only women Pro-Am racer she received a \$25 cash award for her efforts. Andy Leifer, sponsored by SlingShot, took first place in Men's Pro-Am with 1:03:12, just narrowly missing out on the prize for breaking the one hour barrier.

Also new this year was the Team Competition. 6 teams entered the competition this time and the team from Tom Nell Bicycles won by just one point over the Sling Shot team. The rivalry in the Team Competition event could really heat up next year if racers continue to show as much enthusiasm for it as they did this time around.

Despite the cool temps, Pando II was an enthusiastic success with a strong sponsor base of over \$1600 worth of cash and prizes. Next year promises to be even better!

(Note: Please don't ride on the trails at Pando unless you have permission from the owners. They are trying to prepare the area for the ski season and we would like to be sure we will be able to hold more events there next year. Thanks.)



# The 2nd Annual Sleeping Bear Mountain Bike Classic Race Results

## 28 MILE MASS START

### Pro Men

- |                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1. John Tomac     | 1:39:18 |
| 2. Hal BeVier     | 1:52:09 |
| 3. Jim Williamson | 1:53:54 |

### Pro Women

- |                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| 1. Margaret Day        | 1:56:46 |
| 2. Kimberlee Caledonia | 2:09:14 |

### Expert Men

- |                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| 1. Andrew Leifer | 2:02:07 |
| 2. Peter Noverr  | 2:02:56 |
| 3. Dru Bittner   | 2:05:23 |

### Expert Women

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. Carrie Bosscher |  |
|--------------------|--|

## 14 MILE MASS START

### Novice Men

- |                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Scott Diment   | 57:20 |
| 2. Jim Wennersten | 58:34 |
| 3. Joel Groendal  | 59:29 |

### Novice Women

- |                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Tina McGuinness | 1:23:39 |
| 2. Sue Piersma     | 1:24:17 |
| 3. Cheryl Saam     | 1:25:55 |

### Men 35-45

- |                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| 1. Steve Hammett | 58:32   |
| 2. Don Balkwell  | 1:07:12 |
| 3. David Voss    | 1:11:35 |

### Women 35+

- |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Dawn Post        | 1:32:10 |
| 2. Margaret Platner | 2:09:35 |

### Men 46-55

- |                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| 1. Fred Walton | 1:06:23 |
| 2. Tom Nell    | 1:11:54 |
| 3. Ron Zeeb    | 1:22:00 |

### Men 56+

- |                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1. George Lombard | 1:18:43 |
| 2. Rob Rutherford | 1:32:00 |
| 3. Robert Gibbs   | 1:33:11 |

## Single Speed

- |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Michael McLoskey | 1:14:33 |
| 2. Greg LaBranche   | 1:32:26 |
| 3. Rick Howard      | 1:36:24 |

## Tandem

- |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Jensen-Obermeyer | 1:16:39 |
|---------------------|---------|

## 3.8 MILE TIME TRIAL

### Pro Men

- |                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| 1. John Tomac     | 12:17.49 |
| 2. Jim Williamson | 13:08.56 |
| 3. Joel Wright    | 13:43.87 |

### Pro Women

- |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Margaret Day | 14:43.86 |
|-----------------|----------|

### Expert Men

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Jim Rayburn   | 13:15.09 |
| 2. Roger Enters  | 13:57.84 |
| 3. Andrew Leifer | 14:02.91 |

### Expert Women

None entered

### Novice Men

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Brett Austin  | 13:36.25 |
| 2. Scott Diment  | 14:13.00 |
| 3. Joel Groendal | 14:25.12 |

### Novice Women

- |                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Wendy German    | 20:45.17 |
| 2. Heather Littler | 21:17.60 |
| 3. Tami Zay Maisel | 22:16.64 |

### Mens 35-55

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Larry Mintz   | 16:53.84 |
| 2. James Foster  | 17:12.65 |
| 3. Alfredo Uribe | 17:51.73 |

### Womens 35+

- |              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| 1. Dawn Post | 21:47.06 |
|--------------|----------|

### Mens 46-55

- |                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| 1. Fred Walton | 15:22.20 |
| 2. Tom Nell    | 17:13.81 |
| 3. Ron Zeeb    | 18:09.33 |

## Mens 56+

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Milt Sorenson | 27:25.36 |
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## Tandem

- |                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 1. Jansen-Obermeyer | 17:31.94 |
|---------------------|----------|

## OBSERVED TRIALS

### Expert

- |                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Kevin Norton   | 6 pts.  |
| 2. Franz Domurath | 13 pts. |
| 3. Jeff Pukal     | 46 pts. |

### Intermediate

- |                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| 1. Jim Walters   | 40 pts. |
| 2. Don German    | 62 pts. |
| 3. Brett Walk    | 62 pts. |
| 4. David Ostrand | 83 pts. |

### Novice

- |                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Matthew Rich     | 2 pts. |
| 2. John Rutherford  | 2 pts. |
| 3. Tom Smith        | 2 pts. |
| 4. Wendell Woodruff | 2 pts. |
| 5. Jeff Faber       | 5 pts. |
| 6. Mark Smith       | 9 pts. |

## SKI HILL CLIMB

### Senior

Kevin Norton

### Junior 12 and under

Jamos German

## Mens 56+

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Milt Sorenson | 27:35.16 |
|------------------|----------|

## Single Speed

- |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Jamos German | 21:25.36 |
|-----------------|----------|

## Tandem

- |                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 1. Jansen-Obermeyer | 17:31.94 |
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advanced tricksters (including the Magician himself, Kevin Norton) as they rode over some very tough obstacles.

Over 120 riders tried their hand at riding trials that afternoon. In the Expert category, Franz Domurath placed a respectable 2nd place with 13 pts. to Kevin Norton's first place score of 6 pts. Jim Walters took 1st in Intermediate with 40 pts. and four riders had 2 pts. each in Novice: Matthew Rich (1st place), John Rutherford, Tom Smith, and Wendell Woodruff.



Kevin Norton giving a few pointers during the Trials Workshop. (Photo by Craig Stutzky)

The Hillclimb tradition continued during the Observed Trials that afternoon, drawing 107 participants who each chipped in a buck-a-try, ignoring the likeliness that Kevin Norton was eventually going to ride and proclaim himself King-of-the Mountain...which he finally did in his characteristic hopping style.

After the trials everyone headed down to the Village Square where scores were tallied and prizes were awarded for both the Time Trial and the Observed Trials events.

Sunday morning was much warmer and the sun strained to shine at first, but broke out later in the day. Everybody was fired up and anxious about their upcoming events. The first event was the Elite Trials. This event was new this year, giving the top 10 trials riders from the day before a chance to pit themselves against three of the toughest sections ever seen in Michigan. This also allowed everyone to watch Kevin Norton in his natural environment.

The first section included a round wooden cable spool set next to the open door of a van. The riders had to mount the spool, ride into the van (bent double), hop around, ride out the back of the van, over a rock and up a narrow beam of wood. And this was the easy section!

The second section started off with a cliff on the side of a sand pit. After riding off the cliff and through the sand, riders faced a narrow wash-out filled with logs stuffed every which way. The third

section started with two massive stumps followed by a 3-foot boulder. Riders who managed to get over these obstacles only had to face a boulder-filled ravine in order to finish the course. Kevin Norton not only showed us mere mortals that such things were possible, he also spent time giving advice to the other riders as they tried the sections.

After the Elite Trials, tension began to build as the Mass Start approached. Over 250 riders gathered at the front of the Homestead for final race instructions and were led down the driveway by a pace vehicle in a rolling start. The riders turned onto the race course with lots of whooping and shouting at the excitement of finally getting the race underway. The outburst of excitement got reigned in pretty quickly though as riders soon faced the prospect of riding and pushing their bikes up the endless sand-pit-ridden trail leading up Miller Hill. "The hill that never seemed to end." On the backside of the hill, though, was a very steep and winding downhill that some riders recorded taking at over 45 mph.

The race course was run in the opposite direction of last year's course...leaving many of the returning racers longing for the good old days. This year's course required spending about 80% of the time going uphill and about 20% of the time on the flats or going downhill. (But if racing were easy, why would people do it, right? -ed.)

The Pro and Expert riders had to finish a grueling 4 laps of the 7-mile course, while the rest of the competitors had a mere 2 laps to complete. At the end of the first lap, John Tomac was already over 3 minutes ahead of the next rider. When the rest of the pack came by there was no shortage of exciting racing. High speed downhills caused pass-



John Tomac...the calm before the storm. (Photo by Rick LaRocca)

ing and crashes to go hand in hand. The competition looked tight in the top ten and positions changed hands regularly.

The finish line was situated atop Miller Hill Lookout, providing both riders and spectators alike with a spectacular view of the lake and surrounding area. As the riders came in there were

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# Pando II Mountain Bike Challenge Race Results

## 16.5 MILE MASS START

### Pro Am

1. Andy Leifer	1:03:12
2. Mike Nickoloff	1:03:43
3. Dan Packman	1:04:10
4. Fred Anderson	1:05:14
5. Joel Groendal	1:07:38
6. Randy Dickerson	1:08:00
7. Rick Van Slick	1:08:13
8. Dave Ostrand	1:09:21
9. David Van Zantan	1:09:47
10. Lyle Goscenski	1:10:06
11. Tim Feldkamp	1:10:12
12. Matt Daly	1:10:40
13. Martin Minka	1:11:16
14. Don Coup	1:12:05
15. Joe Douba	1:13:23
16. Kaye Kiapohl	1:23:00

## 10 MILE MASS START

### Novice

1. Gary Stephenson	39:12
2. Craig Gietzen	39:15
3. Tom Smith	39:17
4. Steve Hammett	39:19
5. Tim Boals	39:23
6. Mark McCafferty	40:22
7. Jim Boskee	40:55
8. Glen Rauth	41:54
9. Chris Cyrul	42:19
10. Rod Foltz	42:41
11. Jeff Faber	43:10
12. Mark Smith	43:23
13. George Simons, Jr	43:34
14. Doug German	43:39
15. Wendell Woodruff	43:46
16. Scott McLaren	43:47
17. Bob White	43:54
18. Charly Kincaid	43:56
19. Jonathan King	44:19
20. Paul Johnson	45:00
21. Chris Bunting	45:24
22. Bob Stephanoff	45:28
23. Reiner Richter	45:36
24. Kurt DeVree	46:00
25. David Graves	46:04
26. George Christie	46:07
27. Jeff Voorhis	46:10
28. Michael Seaman	46:47
29. Jim Henderson	46:56
30. Mike Frailey	46:58
31. Bob Wozniak	47:05
32. Eric Simcox	47:26
33. Greg Weber	47:30
34. Randy Moffett	47:36
35. Andy Montgomery	47:48
36. Andrew Pittsley	47:50
37. Richard Cappelletti	48:03
38. Mike Salava	48:19
39. Pat Eickenroth	48:26
40. John Roe	49:26
41. David Zacker	50:06
42. Rugg Foltz	50:25
43. Philip Huyghe	50:44
44. Harry Hawn	50:46
45. Rob Herwat	52:38
46. Raymond Jones	54:09
47. James Arnold	55:23
48. Yutaka Nozawa	58:03
49. Dan Bigham	59:49

### Novice 18 and under

1. Bryant Belnke	46:06
2. Danny Motowski	51:29
3. Jamos German	53:56
4. Steve Spoons	1:04:19
5. Jay Lawson	1:09:18

## 6.6 MILE MASS START

### Mens Beginner

1. Brian Greene	26:26
2. Rick Rexford	29:06
3. Greg Karbowski	29:15
4. Scott Miller	29:21
5. Timothy Goller	29:25
6. Peter VanderWeide	29:56
7. Brian Walquist	30:17
8. Wayne Gagnon	30:52
9. John Lupinga	32:07
10. Todd Atkinson	32:33
11. Len Distelrath	32:34
12. Ronald Watzke	32:51
13. Steve Smigiel	33:05
14. Scott Birchmeier	33:11
15. Don Goetcheus	33:12
16. Wally Bulkowski	33:34
17. Mark Copenhaver	33:40
18. Thomas Custer	34:10
19. David Vandecar	34:34
20. Ross Huntington-Jones	34:51
21. Dave Geerling	34:54
22. Vince Lewis	35:50
23. Tim Klifman	36:12
24. Rod Lowell	37:17
25. Jeff Nichols	37:19
26. Christopher Smit	38:10
27. Kenny Davis	39:20
28. Ed Briones	40:21
29. Dan Merrill	40:23
30. Mark Petzold	41:15
31. Steve Zerlaut	42:36
32. Andrew Kaplanowski	45:32

### Womens Beginners

1. Wendy German	36:10
2. Tina McGuinness	36:17
3. Deborah Williams	36:46
4. Becky Sarber	38:30
5. Winalee Zeeb	39:08
6. Katie Stutzky	40:32
7. Amy Dedafoe	43:02

### Vets 35-44

1. Steve Hammett	26:32
2. Dale German	28:52
3. David McGuinness	30:31
4. Mike Motowski	30:45
5. Dennis Kershner	31:39
6. Thierry Werderits	31:49
7. Lenny Keen	32:04
8. Ron Zeeb	34:44
9. Gary Nelson	39:04

### Masters 45+

1. Tom Nell	30:27
2. Denny Vandecar	36:09

### Single Speed

1. Mike McLosky	30:22
2. Ted Ruys	32:38
3. Craig Kincaid	39:11
4. Rick Howard	41:11
5. Jim Hendler	44:12

## TRIALS RESULTS

### Expert

1. Pat Eickenroth	68pts.
2. Matt Rich	69pts.
3. Joe Duba	71pts.
4. Dave Ostrand	75pts.

### Novice

1. David Vandecar	21pts.
2. Mike Nickoloff	40pts.
3. Andy Leifer	42pts.
4. Tom Smith	42pts.
5. Glen Rauth	43pts.
6. Denny Vandecar	43pts.
7. Reiner Richter	45pts.
8. Todd Zacker	45pts.
9. Michael Clark	46pts.
10. Eric Simcox	48pts.
11. Pat Dueweke	49pts.
12. Wendell Woodruff	50pts.
13. Rugg Foltz	52pts.
14. Robert Long	52pts.
15. Rod Foltz	56pts.
16. Richard Cappelletti	57pts.
17. Ed Briones	58pts.
18. John Bouwens	62pts.
19. Jeff Voorhis	62pts.
20. Michael Seaman	64pts.
21. Andrew Kaplanowski	66pts.
22. Tom Nell	69pts.
23. John Roe	69pts.

### Novice Trials cont.

19. Dale German	71pts.
20. Doug German	75pts.
21. Danny Motowski	86pts.
22. Travis Holbrook	90pts.

### Beginners

1. Mark Smith	40pts.
2. Bob Lawson	47pts.
3. Jeff Faber	51pts.
4. Matthew Sprygada	53pts.
5. Craig Gietzen	58pts.
6. Dan Casey	59pts.
7. Brian Walquist	61pts.
8. David DeJong	67pts.
9. Brett Walquist	67pts.
10. Ross Huntington-Jones	73pts.
11. Jamos German	74pts.
12. Andrew Pittsley	74pts.
13. Yutaka Nozawa	76pts.
14. Paul Piersma	76pts.
15. Steve Walquist	76pts.
16. Kevin Schmuker	77pts.
17. Tribin Holbrook	82pts.
18. Dan Briones	84pts.
19. Gary Nelson	85pts.
20. Raymond Jones	90pts.
21. Steve Zerlaut	90pts.

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# The First Annual Ragged Edge Off-Road Ramble

by Mike Clark

Clear skies and cool temperatures greeted the 35 or so contestants at the Dunes State Park near Saugatuck, Oct. 18th, for a day of racing, eating, and celebration of the camaraderie of fat-tire biking. Sponsored by the Highwheeler Bike Shops of Holland & Grand Haven and Weiler Cycle Works of Honor, the event was organized by the Ragged Edge Off-Road Team. The race showcased riders from Cass City, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Honor, Grand Haven, Belding, Warren, Holland, and other hotbeds of mountain biking.

Promoter Michael Clark, self-appointed sovereign ruler of the R.E.O.R.T., provided (with lots of help) a 3 mile time trial, Bar-B-Q, Shark tournament and Huffy toss. With the co-operation of the State Park and support from the Holland Bike Club a good time was had by all. Prizes were provided by the Highwheeler and Weiler Cycle Works who join the list of folks making this kind of stuff happen in West Michigan.



Watch out for those 2-wheeled Land Sharks!  
(Photo © John D. Strauss)

## Ragged Edge Race Results

### 3 MILE TIME TRIAL

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|--------------------|------|
| 1. Steve Hammett   | 8:20 |
| 2. Brent Walk      | 8:25 |
| 3. Randy Dickerson | 8:47 |
| 4. Greg Karbowski  | 9:05 |
| 5. Jeff Bannink    | 9:14 |

### MASS START RESULTS

#### Mens Class A

1. Dan Packman, Kalamazoo
2. Brent Walk, Walker
3. Larry Kaiser, Grand Rapids
4. Randy Dickerson, Grand Haven
5. Jeff Bannink, Holland

#### Mens Class B

1. Steve Hammett, Cass City
2. Greg Karbowski, Holland
3. George Simons, Grand Rapids
4. Jeff Fabor, Holland
5. Eric Slaughter, Holland

### Mens Class C

1. Craig Stutzky, Belding
2. Stein Slette, Holland
3. Eric Toth, Holland
4. Tyrone Two Tracker, Honor
5. Denny VandeCar, East Lansing

### Womens Class

1. Laura Charmeda, Grand Haven
2. Cindy Board, Holland
3. TIE - Chris Wennersten  
Sue Walk
4. Katie Stutzky, Belding

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some very welcome refreshments being provided by one of the benevolent sponsors.

First across the finish line was Scott Diment, 57:20, taking first place in the Men's Novice category. First place in Women's Novice was Tina McGuinness with 1:23:39. First place in Men's Expert was taken by Andy Leifer, 2:02:07, and first place for the women was Carrie Bosscher.

Margaret Day, riding for Raleigh, beat out Kimberlee Caledonia for the Women's Pro top spot with a great time of 1:56:46. And finally, Hal BeVier gave it his best in Men's Pro with 1:52:09, placing second, several minutes behind the Mean, Green, Mongoose Machine....John Tomac, 1:39:18.

The afternoon ended back in the Village Square as mountain bikers milled around, talking about the race, chatting with old friends, and making a few new friends. After the results were compiled there was an awards ceremony and prizes were given out. The excitement of the weekend was drawing to a close, but for the hundreds of Michigan mountain bikers who attended the Sleeping Bear Mountain Bike Classic, the time for fond memories of a race well run had just begun.



# A Note From the Directors of Pando II Mountain Bike Challenge

by Sue & Brent Walk

Although we've only been at it for five months, we've discovered the many rewards gained in promoting the sport of mountain biking during our hosting of the recent Pando Mountain Bike Challenges I and II. We've become affiliated with some of the most genuine enthusiasts; from bike shop owner to the first-time twelve year old rider to the serious professional.

It all started with that drive inside all of us. After participating in our first mountain bike race in Traverse City in 1986, we became enthusiasts ourselves. Being that it was already late in the year, we were determined to get a jump on the next year. And so we did. Headstrong and with ambitious desire, we presented the first mountain bike event ever in our area. There was a lot of work involved in the preparation mode, but we've decided it was all worth it. In fact, we were so jazzed with the way Pando I went over that we staged Pando II. After all, when you have a good thing going, why let it slide?

Both events were a tremendous success and each met our goal: to introduce and promote mountain biking to a variety of people and to have a lot of fun. The first Challenge drew in about 140 eager participants while the second Challenge brought in nearly 70% more. The second Challenge also attracted a growing number of sponsors; a larger Women's Class, including a woman pro; team competition; and much more local media coverage.

We really enjoy promoting this unparalleled sport and are excited about the possibility of staging a three-part series of Challenges in '88. We think mountain bikers are a different breed of sports men and women, just as mountain biking is a unique form of cycling, and working with all of you has truly been a rewarding experience. We hope you'll join us next year!



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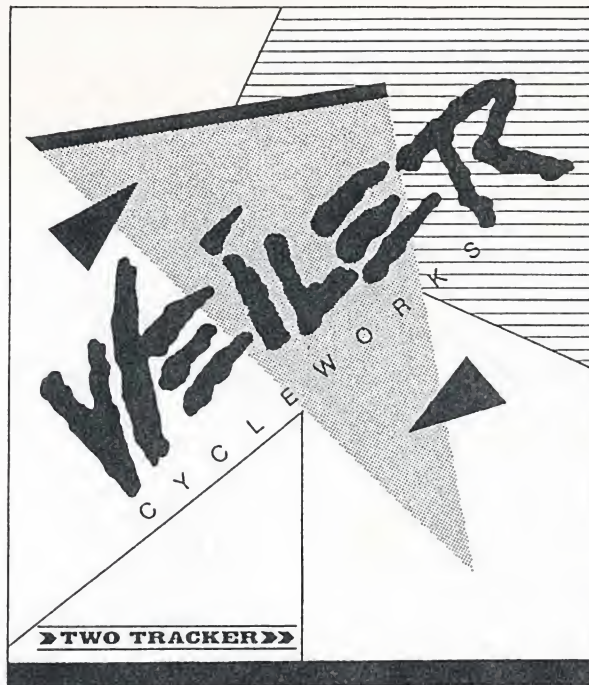
## Mountain Bike WinterFest January 17, 1988

Belding, MI. Mountainbiking in the snow, on frozen ponds; cross-country skiing, skating, and other winter frolicking...all crammed into one fun-filled day. Food and hot drinks and a place to warm up as well. Details coming in our next issue.

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## AppleFest '87 To the Orchard We Go!

by Wendy German

Fat tire riders gathered in Belding on a sunny autumn day Sun. Oct. 4th for a ride through local orchards and woods. The ride was a part of the AppleFest celebration going on that weekend in Belding and was organized by the Silk City Off-Road Team.

Over 25 riders were treated to a fun 17-mile ride that included eating apples right from the tree and being refreshed with the best apple cider around, pressed only minutes before they arrived.

Afterwards the riders headed over to the Silk City Headquarters for some pizza and more cider and to test themselves against the tricky time trial course laid out by the Germans. It was a picture perfect day for fall mountain biking (wind, what wind?) and everyone had a great time. The members of the Silk City Off-Road Team are hoping to make the AppleFest Ride an annual event, so stay tuned for next year...you won't want to miss it!

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